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Appl. No. :	09/652,714	Confirmation No. :	3982
Applicant :	Vishnu K. Agarwal		
Filed :	August 31, 2000	Attorney Docket No.:	501082.10
Art Unit :	2815	Customer No. :	27,076
Examiner :	Jose R. Diaz		
Title :	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)) TO PERMIT
CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97)
IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.313(c)(2), Applicant hereby petitions the Office that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in the Request for Continued Examination (37 C.F.R. § 1.114) filed herewith. This application was allowed on October 22, 2003, and the issue fee was paid on January 22, 2004.

Applicant requests that the application be withdrawn from issue in favor of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. Applicant requests that the Office grant this Petition and consider the Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrent herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$900, \$130 of which is to cover the petition fee in accordance with CFR 1.17(h).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- Postcard
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- Request for Continued Examination (+ copy)
- Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form 1449 and cited references (3)

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